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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Reiter et al.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby notify the Examiner of documents, copies of which are attached hereto and are listed on the attached 1449 form, that may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before receipt of any Office Action on the merits and therefore, no fee or supporting documentation is required.

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Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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